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Work and Workers

IN June of 1907 the *Biblical World* published a short article giving the statistics of attendance at sixty theological schools of the country, including all those intended especially for college graduates, and excluding all schools of a lower grade than this, and the foreign departments of such schools as maintain a foreign department. We have gathered the statistics for this year by correspondence with the several schools. A very few schools have failed to reply, and in these cases we have repeated the figures of last year. The following table shows the figures given last year with some corrections of errors overlooked at the time, and the figures for the present year:

	1880-1	1889-90	1894-95	1895-05*	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8
11 Presbyterian.....	545	783	1,073	805	778	766	797
3 Ref. Presbyterian and United Presbyterian.....	88	109	132	105	95	117	105
5 Reformed.....	96	135	204	158	150	144	127
8 Lutheran.....	167	223	336	283	260	266	274
8 Congregational and United Brethren.....	323	526	545	407	366	365	394
7 Baptists and Free Baptists.....	369	534	751	714	687	681	639
4 Methodist.....	297	459	483	550	635	602	641
6 Episcopal.....	191	234	291	262	243	251	232
3 Universalist.....	31	68	97	46	35	39	39
2 Unitarian and undenomina- tional.....	43	71	92	51	61	57	56
4 Schools having an interde- nominational constituency.....	295	443	461	416	416	400	412
Total excluding duplicates...	2,150	3,142	4,004	3,381	3,310	3,288	3,304

* Average for the decade.

It will be noticed that the Presbyterian, Congregational, and Methodist schools have all made somewhat notable gains this year. This is the more notable in the Congregational schools which had declined in numbers markedly for a considerable period. The Reformed and United Presbyterian, the Reformed, the Baptist, and the Episcopal schools have declined. The Universalist and the Unitarian are practically stationary. The total result is a net gain of 16. In respect to new students the showing is a little better. Last year there were 1,304; this year there are 1,359, a gain of 55.